



To: All HOME, CDBG, & HOPWA Recipients, PHAs, & CHDOs
From: IHFA Community Development Department
Date: February 15, 2002
Re: **Public Input Process on Allocation of Federal Funds and
Fair Housing Conference Planned**

Notice: FSP-02-06

Public Forums

The time has arrived for our regional public forums to receive citizen input for Indiana's 2002 Consolidated Plan Update. A copy of the 2001 Consolidated Plan Executive Summary is enclosed for your information. This year, we will be meeting in Covington, Plymouth, Warren, Princeton, Jeffersonville, and Richmond to hear your ideas about how to address local housing and community development needs in Indiana.

Comments on IHFA's Application Packages

This year, IHFA will host a session prior to each public forum to receive comments on recommended changes to the policies and guidelines of the Housing from Shelters to Homeownership, CHDO Works, Foundations, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) application packages. A draft copy of the 2002 HOPWA application package will be available by March 1, 2002, on IHFA's website at <http://www.indianahousing.org>.

Final Public Hearings

Public Hearings will also be held on April 8 and 9, 2002, in Noblesville and Columbus to receive comments on the drafts of the 2002 Consolidated Plan Update and IHFA's Housing from Shelters to Homeownership, CHDO Works, and Foundations application packages. The draft application packages will be available by April 1, 2002, on IHFA's website.

Enclosed Information

The enclosed brochure describes the Consolidated Plan and the Federal funding programs involved and gives the dates and specific locations of the public forums and public hearings. We encourage your organization to take advantage of the public comment process as an opportunity for your clients and staff to express their views. In particular, public housing authorities are encouraged to become involved in the planning process so that you can ensure that your local agency plans remain consistent with the policies of the State Consolidated Plan.

Your assistance and participation in the planning process will help make the 2002 Consolidated Plan Update a more valuable tool for us all. It will also make IHFA's Community Development programs more responsive to the needs of low income Hoosiers.

If you would like to request a supply of brochures to distribute to your clients or if you have any questions regarding the Consolidated Plan process, please contact Sheryl Sharpe, Director of Community Development, at (800) 872-0371.

Fair Housing Summit – April 24-25, 2002

Lastly, we would like to make you aware of the upcoming Fair Housing Summit, sponsored by The Indiana Fair Housing Task Force. A brochure that outlines the scheduled speakers, workshops, dates and times, and registration information is enclosed. Please plan to attend this important conference that will expand your knowledge and understanding of fair housing issues.

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Suite 1350, South Tower
Indianapolis, IN 46204*

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Within Indiana: (800) 872-0371
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Indiana Department of Commerce
Controller's Office
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Indiana Consolidated Plan

The State of Indiana requests your help in determining how housing and community development funds should be spent in the State during 2002.

Each year the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides funding to states for housing and community development programs. To receive these funds, each state must complete a report called the Consolidated Plan.

The State of Indiana is currently writing its Consolidated Plan report for 2002, and we need your input!

By voicing your opinion about issues of housing, homelessness and community economic development you will help shape the future of your community and the State. See inside for further details and ways to get involved.

We'll be waiting to hear from you!

plan your
FUTURE

speak out &
BE HEARD



2002

program DETAILS INVOLVE yourself



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS (CDBG)

Purpose: CDBG grants are made to communities for construction or improvements of infrastructure including sewers and waterlines, main street revitalization, public facilities (e.g., community centers) and special needs facilities. The program offers both financial and technical assistance. Each year, a portion of CDBG funding is allocated to housing programs administered by the Indiana Housing Finance Authority (IHFA).

Agency: Indiana Department of Commerce (IDOC).

Contact Information: Community Development Office at 317.232.8911 or, for housing programs, contact IHFA at 1.800.872.0371 or 317.232.7777.

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME)

Purpose: HOME grants are made to provide decent, safe and affordable housing to the citizens of Indiana. Funds are provided for a variety of activities, including rehabilitation of owner-occupied and rental housing, housing purchase assistance, provision of transitional housing, and housing development.

Agency: Indiana Housing Finance Authority (IHFA).

Contact Information: IHFA Development Specialist at 1.800.872.0371 or 317.232.7777. Or visit IHFA's website at www.indianahousing.org.

EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS (ESG)

Purpose: The ESG program is designed to help improve the quality of existing emergency shelters for the homeless, create additional emergency shelter space, help shelters meet operating costs, and prevent homelessness.

Agency: Family and Social Service Agency (FSSA).

Contact Information: Emergency Shelter Program Specialist, Renitra Moore-Marion at 317.232.7117, or 1.800.622.4973.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH AIDS (HOPWA)

Purpose: HOPWA provides housing assistance and related services for low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Eligible activities include tenant based housing assistance, housing development and rehabilitation, supportive services, technical assistance, operating costs of housing and short-term rent, and utility and mortgage assistance to prevent homelessness.

Agency: Indiana Housing Finance Authority (IHFA).

Contact Information: HOPWA Coordinator, Lisa Coffman, at 317.232.7777, or 1.800.872.0371, or visit IHFA's website at www.indianahousing.org.

Regional Forum Schedule

March 4th, 2002

Covington
Riverbend Center
1327 2nd Street
Covington, IN 47932
3 to 5 p.m. Local Time

March 5th, 2002

Plymouth
Plymouth Public Library
201 N. Center, Laramore Room 2
Plymouth, IN 46563
3 to 5 p.m. Local Time

March 6th, 2002

Warren
Knight Civic Center
132 S. Nancy Street
Warren, IN 46792
3 to 5 p.m. Local Time

March 11th, 2002

Princeton
Princeton City Hall
310 West State Street
Princeton, IN 47670
3 to 5 p.m. Local Time

March 12th, 2002

Jeffersonville
Gilt Baptist Church
1723 Green Street
Jeffersonville, IN 47130
3 to 5 p.m. Local Time

March 13th, 2002

Richmond
IU - Whitewater Hall
2325 Chester Boulevard
Richmond, IN 47374
3 to 5 p.m. Local Time

You can participate in the Consolidated Plan process by attending one of the regional forums, or a public hearing, or by sending us your written comments.

REGIONAL FORUMS

Citizens, service and housing providers, advocates, and elected officials will come together to discuss the most pressing needs in their communities. The forums will include presentations by the Consolidated Plan Committee that describe the HUD programs and how to apply for funding. The schedule for the 2002 forums is located at the left. Please try to join us!

Before the forums, between 2 and 3 p.m., IHFA will be holding comment sessions to receive input about their housing programs. For more information, contact Sheryl Sharpe at 317.232.7023.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Consolidated Plan Committee will hold two public hearings about how the state plans to allocate 2002 housing and community development funding. The hearings will be held in Noblesville and Columbus on April 8th and 9th between 4 and 6 P.M. Call 1.800.842.2476 for locations and more information.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

If you are unable to attend the forums and the public hearings, make sure that you send us a letter detailing your ideas about how funding should be allocated in the state. Send your comments to:

Consolidated Plan, Indiana Department of Commerce
Controller's Office, Grants Management Division
One North Capitol Avenue, Suite 700
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2248

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Contact Kelly Boe at the Indiana Department of Commerce at:

1.800.824.2476 or **317.232.8800**

You may also access the plan and send comments through the Indiana Housing Finance Authority's website at:

www.indianahousing.org.

REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION FEE SCHOLARSHIPS: Ten (10) registration fee scholarships are being offered. The deadline to submit an application is March 31, 2002. To receive an application call or e-mail Tiffany Tolbert at (317) 233-6308 or ttolbert@crc.state.in.us

To determine an accurate count, please indicate whether or not you plan to attend the luncheons. Please check all that apply.

One-Day Registration:

☐ \$ 50 Wednesday, April 24 Luncheon: ☐ yes ☐ no

☐ \$ 50 Thursday, April 25 Luncheon: ☐ yes ☐ no

Two-Day Registration:

☐ \$ 75 Wednesday Luncheon: ☐ yes ☐ no

☐ \$ 75 Thursday Luncheon: ☐ yes ☐ no

Exhibits:

☐ \$150 One (1) 6' Table w/skirt, Two (2) chairs, One (1) Registration

☐ \$ 20 Additional 6' Table w/skirt

☐ \$ 15 Power outlet (each)

☐ \$ Total ☐ Check ☐ Purchase Order ☐ Billing

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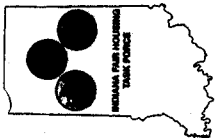
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PLEASE PRINT FOR EACH REGISTRANT AND INDICATE WORKSHOP PREFERENCES ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM

Prepaid registration cancellations received ten (10) business days prior to the Summit will be refunded less a \$25 administrative fee. Early registration is advised. Substituted names may be made at any time. Confirmed registrants must be submitted to the IPHITF prior to the beginning of the Summit.

Name: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Telephone/Fax: _____
Describe special accommodations and/or dietary needs: _____



THE INDIANA FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE

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THE FIFTH ANNUAL FAIR HOUSING SUMMIT

FAIR HOUSING UNITES AMERICA

Wednesday & Thursday
April 24-25, 2002

Marten House Hotel & Lilly Conference Center
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- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



INDIANA FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE

The INDIANA FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE promotes equal housing opportunities for all people in Indiana. The efforts of the Task Force focus on educating housing providers, consumers and interested organizations on their respective rights and responsibilities, as well as, advocating increased understanding and availability of resources to combat discriminatory housing practices.

WORKSHOP SUMMARIES

Attendees will receive the:
INDIANA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION CERTIFICATE OF FAIR HOUSING EDUCATION
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Fair Housing 101:

Learn basic fair housing principles, history, rights and responsibilities under the Indiana Fair Housing Act, Federal Fair Housing Act, and the Indiana Civil Rights Law.

Fair Housing Rights for Persons with Disabilities:

This session focuses on the definition of disability under the fair housing laws and elaborates on the housing rights of persons with disabilities.

Fair Housing Guidelines for Housing Providers:

Recommended for realtors, leasing agents and apartment owners and managers, this workshop focuses on responsibilities toward protected classes, including creating reasonable occupancy standards.

Predatory Lending:

Learn how unfair and fraudulent lending practices often target protected classes and what federal and state laws say about such discriminatory practices.

Fair Subsidized Housing:

This workshop explains fair housing rights and responsibilities in Section 8 and other subsidized housing.

Insurance Redlining:

Learn how homeowners' insurance policies can discriminate and underinsure residential properties and what the law says regarding such practices.

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FAIR HOUSING UNITES AMERICA

AGENDA

Wednesday, April 24

10:30 - 11:30	Registration
11:30 - 1:00	Luncheon/Keynote: New Initiatives in Fair Housing, Floyd May, HUD, Washington D.C.
1:15 - 2:45	Plenary Session/Predatory Lending
2:45 - 3:00	Break
3:00 - 4:30	Concurrent Workshops
	• Fair Housing 101
	• Fair Housing Rights for Persons with Disabilities
	• Fair Housing Guidelines for Providers
	• Predatory Lending

Thursday, April 25

8:00 - 9:00	Registration/Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 10:30	Plenary Session/Census 2000 impact on housing patterns, enforcement, funding
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 12:15	Concurrent Workshops
	• Fair Subsidized Housing
	• Insurance Redlining
	• Establishing Fair Housing Ordinances
	• Mortgage Programs for Protected Classes
12:15 - 12:30	Break
12:30 - 2:00	Luncheon/Keynote TBA
2:00 - 2:15	Break
2:15 - 3:45	Concurrent Workshops
	• Predatory Lending
	• Housing Providers' Responsibilities for Persons with Disabilities
	• Repeat of most requested workshops
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WORKSHOP SUMMARIES continued

Establishing Fair Housing Ordinances:

Learn why it is important and the process for creating and implementing an ordinance for your community. Also discuss the obstacles that may occur.

Mortgage Programs Designed for Protected Classes:

Learn about different programs offered by Indiana lending institutions to assist protected classes in obtaining a mortgage.

Housing Providers' Responsibilities for Persons with Disabilities:

Learn what fair housing laws require with respect to accessibility, accommodations and modifications.

WORKSHOP PREFERENCES

To determine whether popular workshops should be repeated and to assign workshops to the various room sizes, please check the three workshops you are most likely to attend.

— Fair Housing 101	— Insurance Redlining
— Fair Housing Rights for Persons with Disabilities	— Establishing Fair Housing Ordinances
— Fair Housing Guidelines for Housing Providers	— Mortgage Programs for Protected Classes
— Predatory Lending	— Housing Providers' Responsibilities for Persons with Disabilities
— Fair Subsidized Housing	

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Registrants are responsible for their own hotel reservations. The number of rooms set aside for this summit is limited. To receive the government rate of \$79 per night, reservations must be made by March 25, 2002. After that date, rooms will be provided on a space-available basis at the prevailing rates. Website directions and map are available.

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